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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 7 were amended to recite "muscular fatigue-controlling", which is supported in the specification on page 15, last paragraph.

Enclosed is a MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS.

Please correct the spelling of "Negrisoli" on the Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892) which is attached to the May 7, 2002 Office Action (Paper No. 8).

The present claims are directed to (i) a muscular fatigue-controlling composition comprising anserine and D-ribose and (ii) a method for providing a muscular fatigue-controlling effect comprising administering such composition to a person. The present claims are thus fully commensurate in scope with the showings in the DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132 of Yoshiharu MATAHIRA, dated September 30, 2002.

It is noted that none of the Examples in Negrisoli EP 449787 utilize anserine.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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Encs.: (1) PETITION FOR EXTENSION
(2) MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS



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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Four Times Amended) [An antifatigue] A muscular fatigue-
controlling composition which comprises [an antifatigue] a
muscular fatigue-controlling effective amount of (a) [at least
one] an imidazole compound [selected from the group consisting
of] which is anserine[, carnosine, valenine and salts] or a salt
thereof[,] and (b) D-ribose, as active ingredients, in
combination with an excipient.

7. (Four Times Amended) A method for providing [an antifatigue] a
muscular fatigue-controlling effect comprising orally administering to
a person in need thereof [an antifatigue] a muscular fatigue-
controlling effective amount of [an antifatigue] a muscular fatigue-
controlling composition which comprises (a) [at least one] an
imidazole compound [selected from the group consisting of] which is
anserine[, carnosine, valenine and salts] or a salt thereof[,] and (b)
D-ribose, as active ingredients.

13. (Amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the
[antifatigue] composition is administered in a dosage of 1 to 200
mg/kg of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole compound.

14. (Amended) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the
[antifatigue] composition is administered in a dosage of 5 to 30 mg/kg
of body weight per day, in terms of the imidazole compound.